

BOOK REVIEW

DAVID CUTLER, TED BOTHA, AND DENNIS STEVENSON. 2008. **The Virtual Plant (Network CD-ROM)**. (ISBN 978-1405169707, hbk.). Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2121 State Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50014-8300, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.blackwellpublishing.com, orders@ames.blackwellpublishing.com, 800-862-6657). \$300.00.

Conceptualizing the structure of a plant can become very abstract when we start talking about small arrangements, like the stem diaphragm that improves flotation in aquatic plants. *The Virtual Plant* CD-ROM is a good source of visual support that makes this approach more concrete. Users will find a variety of images to help them visualize all the information that is presented as written text in the companion book *Plant Anatomy: An Applied Approach*. When used in a laboratory setting, one would imagine the entire lab experience to be more enriching for both teacher and student, using these digital visual aids as guideposts while navigating manual, real-world microscopy. Also included on the CD are a number of useful presentations that can be used and adapted for teaching purposes and more.—*Natalia Quinteros, Graduate Student, Texas Christian University and Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A*

From the Back Cover: “*The Virtual Plant* CD-ROM is a companion to the book *Plant Anatomy*, an essential reference for undergraduates taking courses in plant anatomy, applied plant anatomy and plant biology, and for researchers and postgraduates in plant sciences.

This Network version of the CD-ROM contains high-quality photographs and scanning electron microscope images. This key resource will give students access to the microscopic detail of plant structures, essential to gaining a real understanding of the subject. Exercises for the laboratory are also included on the CD-ROM, making this work an indispensable resource for lectures and laboratory classes.”